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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an Office Action in a corresponding European application. Since all of the documents cited herein were cited in said Office Action, it is believed that the relevance of each document cited is clear from the Office Action, and accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosure of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not

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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if the filing of this paper requires fees, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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